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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

- .. to those who attended this week's Adventure Learning meeting in room 8 and to those parents who supported the dress up day.
- .. to the Whalen's for removing all of the left over wood and rubbish from the senior trash gardens.
- .. to our headlice inspection team
- .. to those who donated items for needy pets this week
- .. to those who assisted with this week's senior Mathex and squash events
- .. to those who are supporting our famine participants

### People of the week

- .. those parents who have already discussed the "diligence" virtue with their children at home. Please remember to ...
- .. help your child identify an area where they can apply diligence
- .. let us know how they get on ... we would love to share through the Newsletter

If you did not receive the support material sent home with last week's newsletter please give the office a call.

- .. Daniela (year 3) who approached staff this week with a proposal to provide vegetarian alternatives on sausage day. Daniela had worked out that there would be demand and we commend her for coming forward.
- .. Conrad and Seb for receiving "Player of the Day" for JBN Kamo Wolves.
- .. Kiran received "Player of the Day" and Hazza "Tackler of the Day" for JB1 Kamo White.
- .. Caleb for "Player of the Day" or Ruatangata Green for being the most awesome defensive back!
- .. Mikayla, Grayce, and Olivia all recently received "Player of the Day" for the Yr 3-6 Matarau Netball team.

### Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).

We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

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| 21 May     | Senior rock wall day at Taurikura                   |
| 23 May     | 40 Hour famine (and into weekend)                   |
| 26 May     | Senior Science Fair kicks off                       |
| 4 June     | Information visit by staff and students of W.G.H.S. |
| 10 June    | Senior Winter Sports Tournament (pp 12.6)           |
| 17 June    | Year 4 to 6 Winter Sports Tournament (pp 24.6)      |
| 18 June    | Senior Ten Pin Bowling                              |
| 26 June    | Portfolios sent home                                |
| 30 J/1 May | Parent / teacher interviews                         |
| 2 June     | Year 8 girls HPV vaccination 2                      |
| 4 July     | Final day of term 2 (term 3 starts 21.7)            |

### **Some reminders from last term**

- .. please advise the school office by 2:45 PM any changes to regular bus arrangements.
- .. please use the lower bus bay if you can to reduce vehicle congestion in the upper carpark.
- .. sunhats are optional during the winter terms.
- .. maths labs are scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays (3:40 to 4:40). Please advise the school office by mid-day if your child will not be in attendance.
- .. a change of clothing in your child's schoolbag might be good insurance for children inclined to get a bit muddy.

### **Religious Instruction Classes**

... commenced Monday 12 May. A reminder that children can be included or withdrawn at any time during the first 2 weeks ... just advise the school office. Non-attending children will be allocated meaningful (and supervised) work for the 25 minutes in question, and this will be checked by their teacher on return to class. You should feel under no pressure to include or non-include - this is, quite rightly, absolutely your call!

**Request for volunteers:** The Matarau School Bible in School Team is a few people short of a full permanent team. Would you be willing to volunteer? We are seeking a new teacher and two helpers in the junior school. If you are willing and available for Monday mornings, please contact the Team Leader, Carina Wykes, on 09 435 0911. Training is provided and a police vet is necessary.

### **Vegetarian Sausages**

If you think your child would prefer vegetarian alternatives on sausage day can you please email Kevin next week ([principal@matarau.school.nz](mailto:principal@matarau.school.nz)) so that we can get a feel for numbers. These would be soy based products (very reputable brands) ... gluten free MIGHT be an option and so please advise if this is your preference.

### **Headlice**

Inspections this week indicated moderate levels of infestation. If you received a letter advising of infestation / suspected infestation please ensure your child's hair is treated before their return to school. We recommend that all children are checked weekly. We will have a follow up inspection in approximately one week.

### **Senior rock wall day - Taurikura**

Planning for this event is well advanced. Please ensure all consents have been returned to school. Any questions in the run up to this day to Mr D please. Departure time is 8.00am

### **40 Hour Famine (years 6 to 8) 23-25 May**

Please return consents asap. Please also encourage children in their pursuit of sponsorship.

### **ANZ School Awards**

If you are taking out a loan to buy a house or grow your business please remember to nominate our school to receive reward points.

### **Cyber Bullying .. From Mr D**

Last week Kevin referred to cyber bullying as the new kid on the block. Cyber bullying occurs when electronic means are used to victimise another person. This can be via text, facebook, snapchat etc. With cyber bullying there is an immediate and significant power differential in favour of the bully. The consequences of this type of bullying for the victim (and the perpetrator) can be huge.

At Matarau School we aim to ...

- ... reduce exposure to cyber bullying in the first instance
- ... empower victims with some suitable next steps in the event that they should become a victim
- ... create a context (climate) which makes this form of bullying less likely to occur

We work to ensure that children will be able to identify some of the many faces of cyber bullying. Subsequent discussions focus on appropriate and inappropriate use of technologies and strategies to keep users safe (with a special emphasis on seeking help). Processes which respect the right of all users are taught, modelled and re-visited throughout the year. Most usage at school is in group settings, high quality filtering software is used, students sign appropriate usage contracts and lose access when these contracts are violated.

Next week I will share some simple tips on how you can minimise "cyber risks" in the home context.

### **Finally**

We know home life can be pretty busy. Nevertheless please take time to discuss our focus virtues as we cycle through these. This year's virtues hang off the idea that we enjoy learning when we "put in the effort" and when we "do our best". Research tends to suggest that the feeling of a job done well is one of the most potent drivers of self-esteem. An interesting question in education has been whether self-esteem is the main driver of improved performance, or whether improved performance is the main driver of self-esteem. You might be interested to know that most research suggests the latter.

Regards

Our Sponsors support your  
children, please support them



Kevin Trehwella  
PRINCIPAL

## **School Lunches**

***Mondays*** - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

***Wednesdays*** - \$1.50 : for Sausage in a bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the class teacher.

***Fridays*** - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. See order form attached to this week's newsletter if you want to bulk order for term 2.

## **Community Notices**

**Ruatangata Church** – Next service on Sunday 18.5.14 at 11.30am. All denominations welcome. Ph Alan Agnew 4350141 with enquiries.

**International Day of Families** – Ethnic Food, Activities, Family Market, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 10am to 2pm, Old Library, Rust Ave, Whangarei. Prizes for international costumes and fancy dress. For more info contact Jos, email [jostaylorcolthurst@gmail.com](mailto:jostaylorcolthurst@gmail.com) or call 0211556793.

**McKegg & Matarau History Book** – If anyone would like to purchase a copy of the McKegg (and Matarau) family history please contact either Maureen Rush 43556658 or Clive McKegg 4351454. Books cost \$25 each.

**After School Tennis Coaching Programme** – Thomas Neale Memorial Park in Winger Cresc, Kamo Begins week of May 12<sup>th</sup> for 6 weeks. Details and further info at [sportsground.co.nz/tennisnorthland](http://sportsground.co.nz/tennisnorthland) or email Wendy Sykes - [wendytdo@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wendytdo@xtra.co.nz)

**Drama classes** strive to develop your child's confidence, improve their concentration and give them a creative outlet where they can make new friends and have fun, the first class is FREE! At Making a Scene we teach presentation and performance skills, for life. Lower Primary Aged Children (year 1 minimum school attendance). Tuesdays 3:30- 4:30, or Wednesdays 3:30- 4:30, Acting and Speaking years 4 +. Visit our website for full details <http://makingascene.co.nz/familiarity>

**Time Travelling Musical Adventure** - Rising Starz performs "Timelord" at Captaine Bougainville Theatre, Forum North. Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 1pm & 6pm. Suitable for all ages \$8 a ticket. Tickets available from students of Rising Starz or Kauri Shop, Town Basin. For more info email [risingstarznz@gmail.com](mailto:risingstarznz@gmail.com) or ph/text 021 441 455.



**Northland Youth Theatre** - Term 2 Classes start up on Monday the 5th! Juniors: Classes for 9-11 years, Tuesdays 4pm-5.30pm with Jan Fisher, Experience the art and learn the craft of theatre through theatre games, creative movement and improvisation with Jan. Intermediates: Classes for 12-13 years, Mondays 4pm-5.30pm with Naomi Bromberg. For more info phone 09 438 4453 or email [office@nyt.org.nz](mailto:office@nyt.org.nz)

**LOST**: One (Right) brand new size 35-36 black slingback Havianna Jandal. Someone may have taken it home by mistake, if so could it be returned to Georgia Sissons, Room 11. Thank you.

**Captain Bougainville Theatre** - Rising Starz performing "Time Lord", Sat 14<sup>th</sup> June 1pm & 6pm. \$8 per ticket from Kauri Shop, Town Basin. Email rising [starnz@gmail.com](mailto:starnz@gmail.com), ph 021441455

**Quarry Kids After School Art Classes** - Held every Monday and Tuesday, 4:00pm-5:30pm, \$20 per class (bring a friend discount = \$15). For more information contact Hayley Clark, Ph: 4381215 email: [hayley@quarryarts.org](mailto:hayley@quarryarts.org)



Room 8 Pet Dress Up Day